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## A NOTE FROM COUNCILMAN KING

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This newsletter contains a lot of information about progress we have made in District 10 and in our City. I hope you share my excitement about the various improvements we have made, the proactive approach I have taken to address crime hot spots and the funding I have been able to obtain for your neighborhoods for park improvements, road improvements, handicap accessibility, drainage improvements, and beautification efforts. You will see we are planning a summer concert series in our new bandstand/gazebo in Emerson Gardens Park and that we have added several new areas to District 10 under the new redistricting plan. I am completing my second term as President of the Metro Council and I believe that has elevated District 10 as a key player in Metro Government. This role serves the residents of District 10 by placing me in a leadership position on the Council. I appreciate your support for my efforts and trust you are pleased with the results.

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## MSD Updates in Camp Taylor and Buechel

Metropolitan Sewer District is planning for sewer improvements in our district. The first of a two-phase project on the **Buechel Basin** is out for bid and is scheduled for completion by next November. Completion of the second phase will follow next year. All of the **Camp Taylor** area is being rebuilt as well at a cost of \$14,000,000. Design begins now with work to be performed in 2013 and 2014. That area is served by sanitary sewers which date back to the early 1900s when lines were constructed to serve the U.S. Army training facility there. After the training camp was no longer needed, there was residential development with little thought to the existing or future alignment of sewers. I will work with the Camp Zachary Taylor Neighborhood Association to keep the neighbors informed and involved.



## And the Walls Come Tumbling Down!

I recently partnered with the Metro Department of Codes and Regulations to address the problem of blighted properties throughout Metro



Louisville. Many of the subject properties contained boarded up and deteriorating structures which had become eye-sores in the neighborhoods and breeding grounds for crime. I am pleased to report that several of these struc-

tures have now been slated for demolition, one of which is 819 E. Burnett St. in District 10. This property has been vacant for some time and had become uninhabitable. As I write this fall newsletter its demolition is underway! I am committed to continuing my efforts to address blighted properties throughout Metro Louisville.

## German Paristown Gets Greener

Thanks to Tandee Ogburn and Steve and Judy Magre and other members of the German Paristown Neighborhood Association for their creative “green” initiative idea – the German Paristown Rain Garden. In partnership with my office, MSD and Metro Public Works, this idea will soon become reality. The rain garden will be at the intersection of Swan, Ellison and Dandridge. It will provide traffic calming elements, ADA handicap accessibility improvements and will utilize native plants and flowers. The rain garden will include a storm water filtration system capable of storing and filtering 29,000 gallons and will divert nearly 1.5 million gallons of storm water from the combined sewer system in a given year. It is such a powerful concept, it is being used as an EPA demonstration project!! Construction is scheduled for completion by the end of the year. Steve Magre, GPNA board member, said in his GPNA newsletter of the project, “Our Councilman has had a longtime commitment to making the project come true and it was his ability and talent to impart options to bring this project to reality.” I’d

like to thank our Metro and community partners and, most importantly, the citizens of German Paristown. It’s my honor to represent you.

## Cracking Down on Crime

Louisville Metro Police are cracking down on crime and making great strides in District 10. Recently, I started sending electronic notices to constituents via email about community initiatives and events in the district, one of which was a new burglary/robbery task force out of the Fourth Division. Our Major Kim Kraezsig was recently recognized in the Courier Journal for her leadership and innovative approaches to crime prevention. After taking command in January, Maj. Kraezsig announced she wanted to reduce the crime rate by double digits. Thanks in part to some new policing strategies and tactics, crime in the Fourth Division has dropped by 11.3 percent compared with the same period last year. Every beat in the district has seen decreases in most major crime categories, with violent crime dropping 13.9 percent and property crime falling 10.1 percent. Their newest program, BITE team, is a task force targeted at combating burglaries that just made an arrest related to two burglaries on Sylvan Wynde. In fact, it has been successful in resolving more than 45 burglaries. Thank you LMPD for all you do to keep District 10 safe!!

## Louisville’s Next Top Neighbor

The Center for Neighborhoods, a consistent community partner with District 10, has launched a program to recognize citizens who are outstanding “good neighbors.” The program, “Louisville’s Next Top Neighbor,” spotlights



citizens who go above and beyond to encourage civic responsibility while promoting community activism. A nominee from each Metro Council district will be selected. In addition, murals will be created for each Metro Council district which showcase the diversity of the area and profile the

recipient. I have decided to nominate District 10's own Ruth Gerlach from the St. Joseph/Schnitzelburg neighborhood. Mrs. Gerlach has been a dedicated member of the Saint Joseph's Area Neighborhood Association for most of her 83 years. She is a founding member of Grotto Grannies, an organization responsible for maintaining the Grotto located near Our Mother of Sorrows Church. She has been a driving force behind much of the construction, maintenance and beautification at the site. Mrs. Gerlach is well known in the neighborhood for her kindness, compassion, and fervent support of neighborhood endeavors.

## **Preston Corridor Phase 2**

The first phase of the Preston Corridor project brought brick pavers, business façade updates, the railroad trellis painting and other aesthetic improvements south of Hess Lane. It gave a facelift to the area and brought increased visibility to this major artery in the district. Since the completion of phase 1, I have worked with the Metro Economic Development Department, Public Works and MSD to begin phase 2 of this project and have placed \$250,000 in the capital budget for this project. Phase 2 will consist of improvements to the corridor along Preston from Minoma Avenue to Hess Lane, and will include the replacing of broken sidewalks and curbs, installation of landscaped areas, installation of benches and trash receptacles, and modifications to certain parking areas. It will also include the addition of pervious surfaces, native plantings and filtration initiatives from MSD.

## **Paving the Way - Creason/Sheridan**

In the District 10 Spring Newsletter, I agreed with your concerns that the rear access road to Creason Park, Sheridan Avenue, needed to be repaved. After adding monies to the 2012 budget and working with Metro Parks and Public Works, this repaving project will soon be completed. Paving began on Monday, October 31. Traditionally, Sheridan has been used to complete the loop for walkers and for "local access" to those residents in the area avoiding zoo traffic on busy days. The repaving will

improve conditions for walkers and cyclists who visit Creason Park, making it safer and more convenient for the residents in Oak Hill and Camp Taylor seeking to avoid zoo traffic.

## **New District 10 Eblast!**

Do you have email access? In an effort to keep you as informed as possible, I've launched a new District 10 Eblast! Along with the Spring and Fall District Newsletter, the Eblast e-mails offer immediate details on new initiatives in the district, events, festivals, etc. Please send me your email address and you will begin receiving updates. Also, let me know about any upcoming neighborhood events, meetings, etc. and I'll be happy to publicize these via the new Eblast service.

## **Care For Your Neighborhood**

Remember to keep your street gutters/curbs and gratings clear of leaves and debris throughout the year, especially during the fall leaf season. A few minutes of your time will help prevent flooding in your neighborhood. Everyone doing their part contributes to the quality of life for all of us. When walking your dog, remember Metro ordinances state that the pet must be on a leash. And be sure to remove all the "fertilizer" your pet leaves behind. Another "good neighbor"



suggestion is to carry a trash bag on your walks throughout your neighborhood and pick up debris while you exercise.

## **Nightingale Update**

After much hard work and planning, we will be putting the shovel in the ground at the Nightingale Apartments near Audubon Park in December. Improvements will include a retaining wall, dumpsters with pads and corrals, and repaving the parking area along the public right of way. We will start on the portion closest to the Poplar Level half of the complex, and then move to the other half as we receive permission from

property owners to do that work. We are excited about these improvements and appreciate the assistance of the Louisville Metro Public Works team in making this project happen. We continue to work with Mayor Fischer and the Housing Partnership to fund HPI's purchase of all of the units to upgrade the buildings and their use.

## Redistricting Update

Following the work of the special ad hoc committee on redistricting I appointed this year, the new redistricting plan was approved by the Metro Council at its meeting on October 27. Council District 10 lost several precincts west of Preston Highway and in North Audubon. Because most districts to the west were short of population and had to expand their boundaries to the east and south. The result is that the 10th District will lose St. Joe's neighborhood to the 15th Council District. The neighborhood will stay fully intact, and will add the capable services of Councilwoman Marianne Butler to their team. Other changes include the 10th adding several precincts in the Hikes Lane and Buechel areas, again expanding east and south.

## Cameras on Goldsmith Lane

Several of you have expressed concerns about loitering on Goldsmith Lane and surrounding areas. Because I share your concern, I've used monies from my Neighborhood Development Funds to purchase surveillance cameras to monitor criminal activity in the area. The cameras have been mounted at Goldsmith Lane and Bardstown Road and Goldsmith Lane and Peabody Lane and are monitored by LMPD Sixth Division with internet connectivity and surveillance through Insight Communications. These cameras will allow the officers to be aware of any suspicious activity without the offenders knowing! (This area is new to District 10 under the new redistricting plan.)

## Working with West Buechel

I recently met with Mayor Sharon Fowler and a group of leaders from West Buechel. We discussed with Marc Adams of TARC the possibility of adding additional bus stops and routes in the West Buechel area. I also arranged for Bud Schardein of MSD to attend and he agreed to double the number of mowings along Beargrass Creek on Champions Trace. We discussed possibly adding a walking path along the creek. Mr. Schardein plans to attend the West Buechel council meeting in December to offer further assistance on these and other community concerns.

## King Gets Award From MUSCL Senior Wellness Center

Since its grand opening in August 2007, the MUSCL Senior Wellness Center at Schnitzelburg has been serving seniors and the entire Schnitzelburg community. I was invited to their recent annual Halloween party where Center Director Brad Castlebury, MUSCL Executive Director Anne Smith and a great crowd of costumed



guests were on hand to celebrate Halloween with music, food and a very competitive costume contest. It was great to be with my friends, and I was surprised and honored that they took this event as an opportunity to thank me with an award for my continued support of the Center. The "Keeping the Doors Open" award is very special to me and one that I will cherish. Truly, I want to thank Brad, Anne and all the folks who make the Center function each day.

## **Bardstown Road Corridor Project**

I have recently partnered with the District 26 Councilman Brent Ackerson and several of the surrounding neighborhood associations to undertake a streetscape improvement initiative on Bardstown Road. Cynthia Cooke, President of the Bon Air Neighborhood Association, along with Patrick Carrico, also from Bon Air, have joined District 10's own Donna Ising, President of the Bashford Manor Neighborhood Association, along with Anne Howard to bring improvements to Bardstown Road. Working with our community partners, Center for Neighborhoods and Jack Trawick, we have launched a campaign for murals, landscaping and beautifications in the Bardstown Road and Bashford Manor area. Thanks to Donna, Anne and Cynthia, Councilman Ackerson and the Bashford Manor, Bon Air Estates and Highgate Springs Neighborhood Associations as well! Great things are in store!

## **Bashford Manor Benches/Trash Receptacles**

My office has worked closely with the Bashford Manor Neighborhood Association and Transit Authority of River City (TARC) to add additional decorative benches and trash receptacles along Bashford Manor Lane. We continue to work to beautify this area. Neatness counts!

## **Remember Collection Guidelines For Yard Debris**

Woody waste (such as tree limbs and shrub trimmings) should be less than two inches in diameter and cut into four-foot lengths and securely tied into bundles light enough to be easily han-

dled by one individual. Yard debris should not be dragged to your curb and placed in a pile. It can be placed in a garbage can [not a metro cart!] as long as it's in four-foot lengths.

## **Emerson Gardens**

Our beautiful Emerson Gardens project is rounding into shape. The bandstand foundation has been laid, along with completion of grading and sidewalks. A contractor will soon be chosen to complete the bandstand structure and its electrical work and benches. Residents can be proud of this new family-friendly showpiece for Schnitzelburg. This wonderful venue will provide a site for many years of neighborhood gatherings and musical events. Watch for news of a ribbon cutting ceremony next spring.

## **Poplar Level Road Reflectors**

At my request, Governor Beshear has agreed to have reflectors placed along Poplar Level Road from Eastern Parkway to the Watterson Expressway. This project will improve night time visibility and should be complete by the end of the year.

## **George Rogers Clark**

Working with the George Rogers Clark Neighborhood Association and Peggy Klein, we have several important and needed improvements in progress for GRCP. Those include sidewalk improvements, bathroom updates, outdoor grill improvements, installing new soccer nets and working to clean out the dead trees and brush. Recently completed improvements include the repainting of the interior of the lodge and the placement of trash cans on the McKinley side of the park. Thanks to the neighborhood association for all of their time and assistance!

## **Improved Audubon Police Communication!**



## District Advisory Board Members

**Gary Allen**  
**Ken Allgeier**  
**Linda Chesser**  
**Ramon Collins**  
**Dorn Crawford**  
**Liz Dumbaugh Martin**  
**Mary Rose Evans**  
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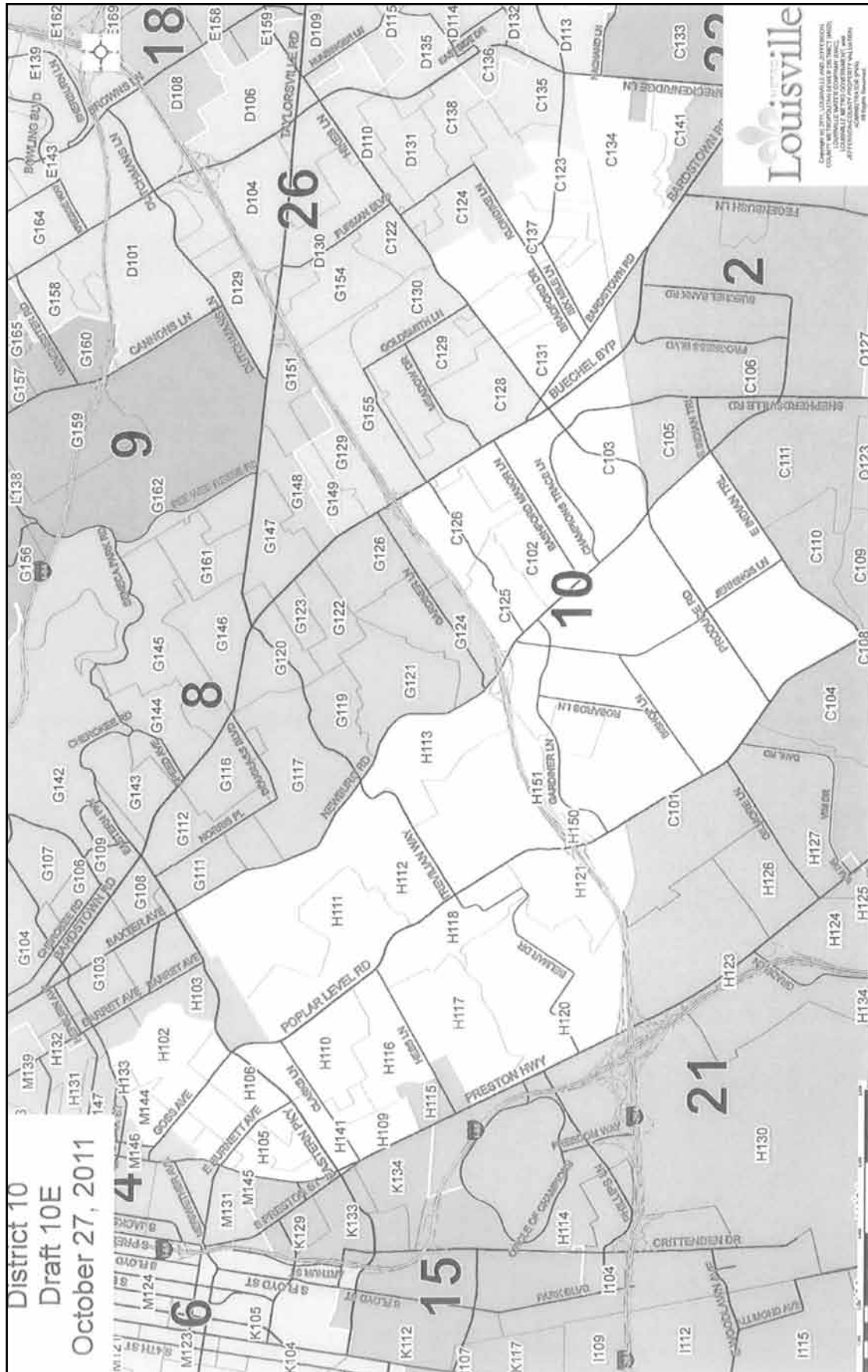
**Tandee Ogburn**  
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**Jean Reid**  
**Russ Riedling**  
**Chris Smrt**  
**Marlene Welsh**  
**Colleen Younger**

## Accountability

I believe you have the right to know how I am spending your tax dollars.  
 Accordingly, below is an accounting of monies we have spent since my last newsletter.

\$1,250	Police Department for National Night Out	\$1,000	Police Department for Children's Christmas Program
\$3,000	Petersburg Neighborhood Assoc. for Summer Jazz Festival	\$1,000	Ministries United for Poverty Support
\$2,000	Visually Impaired Preschool for School Operations	\$1,000	Metro Housing for Bishop Lane Health Fair
\$500	First Neighborhood Place for Back to School Event	\$2,250	YMCA Safe Place for Youth Shelter House
\$1,000	Day Spring Foundation for Tree Removal	\$7,040	Police Department for Cameras
\$250	Girls Scouts for Girls Build Project	\$5,500	Landscape Upgrades throughout District
\$500	Academy of St. Andrews for Instructional Equipment	\$2,350	Preston Corridor Landscaping
\$3,000	Louisville Zoo for Halloween Event	\$2,000	Mural at Bradley and Brandeis
\$2,090	Belmar Neighborhood Assoc. for Preston Corridor	\$1,500	Mural at Schnitzelburg on Hickory
\$5,000	Audubon Park for Communication Equipment	\$1,075	Zoo signage
\$500	Louisville Youth Choir for Scholarship	\$780	Trash receptacles at Bashford Manor
\$200	Education First Foundation for HBCU College Fair	\$11,820	Sidewalks on Clarks Lane and Delor Avenue
\$500	Big Brothers Big Sisters for Mentoring Program	\$13,500	Widen and pave Sheridan extension in Creason Park
\$250	Coalition for the Homeless for Homeless Veterans	\$15,000	Alley paving between Mulberry and Ash Streets
\$500	Arts Council of Louisville for Youth Programming	\$2,280	Alley paving between Crown and Ellison Ave.
		\$5,000	Sidewalks for Germantown Rain Garden
		\$35,000	Emerson Gardens Park Pavilion/Bandstand
		\$1,923	Sidewalk repair for various district locations







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## **Do You Know? It's the Law!**

### ***Residents are responsible for upkeep of their property***

The number one complaint from constituents in District 10 is property upkeep. It is our belief that everyone has a right to live in a well-kept neighborhood, and it is their personal responsibility to see that their property is well-kept. The following are typical violations:

#### **Abandoned Vehicles (*junk/inoperable*)**

It is illegal to keep or store abandoned vehicles (inoperable, unlicensed, or vehicle parts) on residentially zoned property unless they are stored in an enclosed structure.

#### **Front Yard and Sidewalk Parking**

It is illegal to park vehicles in the required front yard of residential property or on any portion of the public sidewalk.

#### **High Weed and Grass**

Metro Code enforcement officers have the authority to issue a citation and a \$100 fine for high grass or weeds to a property owner and demand immediate compliance. If the citation is ignored, the fine can increase to \$1,000. For vacant properties, Metro Government is allowed to cut the grass of that property and then attach a lien for the costs.

***RENTAL PROPERTIES MUST BE MAINTAINED BY OWNERS IF THE TENANTS FAIL TO DO SO!***

#### **Vehicle Repair Businesses**

It is illegal to operate a vehicle repair business on residentially zoned property.

#### **Heavy Trucks**

It is illegal for heavy trucks (dual rear axles) to park in residentially zoned areas. This includes driveway and street parking of semi-trucks, trailers and commercial vehicles.

#### **Fence Heights**

Fences can be up to 8 feet tall on side and rear yards. In front yards, the fence can only be 4 feet tall. Fences or objects (shrubs, trees, etc.) on corner lots cannot be over 2 feet tall to allow proper vision at an intersection.

#### **Display of Address Numbers**

All residential property in Jefferson County is required to display the appropriate address number. The numbers must be 4" in height and a different color from their background. They shall be standard Arabic numbers.